has been earmarked for development of small scale industries sector in the country, out of which an amount of Rs: 3918.98 crores has been allocated upto 2000-2001 and an amount of Rs. 2514.68 crores has been sanctioned up to 31st January 2001. The progress of these schemes js being regularly monitored at appropriate levels.

Employment through KVIC

215. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide employment to the rural people of Arunachal Pradesh through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission; and

(b) if so, the villages ol the Stato where employment has been provided to the people during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) So far 87 villages have been covered under the KVI programme. The information relating to names of villages is not maintained centrally.

Infrastructure Development for SSI

216. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress of the Integrated Infrastructure Development works for Small Scale Industries in Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) the details of the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The Integrated Infrastructural Development (IID) Centres for Small Scale Industries are sanctioned on the basis of the proposals received from State Governments/Union Terri† Ories. No proposal has so far been received from the State of Arunachal Pradesh for setting up an IID Centre.

Workers retrenched due to closure of Industrial units

† 217. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to stale:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a large number of small scale industrial units are lying closed in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the State-wise number of such units;

(c) the number of workers retrenched- due to closure;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to revive these units; and

(e) the proposals sanctioned by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board tilf 1998 to set up industries under reserved category of small scale industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The major reasons for the closure of the small scale industrial (SSI) units are inadequacy of credit, technological obsolescence, marketing problems, managerial inadequacies etc. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) maintains data on sick SSI units and not for closed units. As per the latest data compiled by the RBI,

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.